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PERFORMING A DISCECTOMY  
THROUGH A TRANS-SACRAL  
AXIAL BORE WITHIN THE  
VERTEBRAE OF THE SPINE

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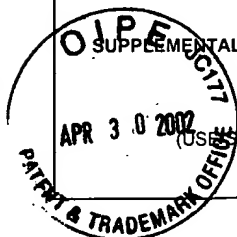
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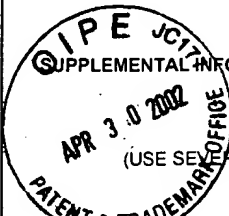
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